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## RELEASE CALIFORNIA DESIGN

### Order Seizure Of Dealer's San Marino Centennaries

Under an early August dateline, the Courier-Post of Camden, N.J., reports the United States district attorneys have been authorized by the Treasury Department to seize stamp dealers' stocks of the San Marino issue of 1947, issued to commemorate the centenary of the first U. S. postage stamps.

The stamps as produced use as part of their design, stamps of the U. S. in color—the Franklin (No. 1) and Washington (No. 2) of the 1847 series and the Lincoln (No. 122) of the 1869 series. This is a violation of the federal law to reproduce the stamps of the U. S. in color by private persons or governments.

The stamps in question are listed under Scott's numbers 266-271 with a catalogue value of 69c. Also the airmail stamp C55 cataloguing 50c. These stamps in their colors are very attractive and many collectors will be much put out should they have to surrender their copies. Perhaps the steps as outlined above will not extend to those stamps in stamp albums.

### Annual Camden Jamboree Slated For Oct. 14-15

The annual philatelic jamboree, sponsored by the Association of South Jersey Stamp Clubs, will be held in Hotel Walt Whitman, Camden, N. J., Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 14 and 15.

Calvin Semler, Haddonfield postmaster, will be one of the speakers at the two-day stamp collectors get-together. He will speak on the operation of a post office and relate anecdotes.

Other features will be a bourse of 10 tables and a barter table. Auctions will be held each day with Henry Gingrich, of Glassboro, as auctioneer.

Highlight of the jamboree will be the awarding of three United States items—a very fine copy of the 1847 5-cent Franklin stamp (No. 1), a White Plains souvenir sheet (No. 630), and a mint copy of the Century of Progress issue 50-cent Graf Zeppelin stamp (C18). Additional awards will be made each day of the jamboree. Co-chairmen of the jamboree are J. Dudley Stone, Elmer Brion and Joseph D. Cook.

Reprinted—from the Courier-Post, Camden, N. J., courtesy of Morris Rothblum, Stamp News Editor.

### Chicago Philatelic Society 1950 Show Notes

Reservations are now being received for Bourse Tables for the 1950 Annual Exhibition of the Chicago Philatelic Society, to be held November 17-18-19, 1950. The site of the exhibition will be the Hotel Sherman, Randolph and Clark Street, Chicago.

Locations will be allotted in the order in which reservations are received. For chart showing floor plan, and for full information including rental fees, write Robert H. Golden, Bourse Chairman, 655 Bittersweet Place, Chicago 13, Illinois.



**GOLDEN COLOR FOR THE "GOLDEN STATE" CENTENNIAL** stamp was chosen to mark the 100th anniversary of statehood of California which occurs on September 9. In a well arranged design, are pictured some of the historical and natural features of the state such as the steamship "Oregon" which brought the news that California had been made the 31st state of the Union, a gold miner, a team of oxen which carried the pioneers to the state as well as a pioneer couple, old derricks and fruit. There will be 115 million of the stamps printed and sold in post offices in panes of 50 stamps.

### 20th Annual Precancel Show Huge Success; Well Attended By Collectors From All Parts Of U.S.

The 20th National Precancel Exhibition held in conjunction with the 29th Annual Convention of the Precancel Stamp Society on August 3-6, 1950 in Chicago was the best ever held. This is the general opinion of all seasoned collectors who have been attending exhibitions for the past 20 years from coast to coast.

The brilliant lighting system installed especially for this occasion made it possible not only to see every stamp on exhibit, but also the stamps the dealers had for sale at their booths without straining eyes.

The exhibition was roughly valued at \$100,000.00, although if anything should have happened, it would be impossible to duplicate for a million dollars on account of the rare and unique items shown by most of the exhibitors.

The 20th National Precancel Exhibition was the most outstanding precancel display ever presented. A unique experiment as a purely invitational exhibit it represented the dream of one man—the chairman of Exhibition Committee, Adolf Gunesch.

The purpose of this departure from the traditional competitive shows was to bring together a well-balanced exhibit representing ALL branches of the precancel hobby. Since this exhibition was by invitation, and since each entry was different in scope and non-competitive, the usual awards were ruled out, however each exhibitor received a Certificate of Participation.

The 200-frame exhibit broke several records. It was made up of 74 separate entries, exhibited by 50 different individuals. For this reason alone, more rarities and a greater variety of precancels than ever before were gathered together under one roof. Each exhibitor tried to show the best part of his collection.

The first 20 frames represented the 19th-century History of Precancels. These were pages taken from one of the largest collection of precancels from all states on the 1898 and earlier issues, owned by Mr. John R. Boker, Jr. of New York, N. Y. Particular emphasis was laid on the printed bar types on cover, and on multiple pieces the various "name" types. A partial list of the outstanding items, many of which are unique follows:

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Cumberland, Maine, two printed types of the 1857 on cover.

Lancaster, Pa., 1c 1879 bar on cover.

Bangor, Maine 1c 1879, on postcard and off cover.

Glen Allen, Va., twelve covers of the "star" type, showing different mailing dates.

Frames 21-23.—A demonstration for the beginner of methods used in classifying precancels, methods of printing, and series of specimen pages showing various types of precancel collecting.

Frames 24 to 115 were selected portions from leading State collections seldom seen or shown.

Frames 116 to 175 represented the different specialized branches of the precancel hobby—such as a collection of \$1.00; \$2.00 and \$5.00 precancels, Parcel Post & Parcel Post Dues, 13c Apple greens (1917) Errors in City types; Kansas & Nebraska State Controls precanceled, Synoptic collection; U. S. Commemorative precanceled, one of each according to Scott's catalog; Mothers Day precancels; Commemorative precanceled with mail-order-house types; City Type coils; County seats; Town & types; Double-line electros; Postage Dues and Special Delivery; 4 1/2 cent White House issue precanceled; 3c Stuart City types; Tall-Tale Towns; Canadian Precancels; Belgium and other Foreign precancels; Precancels of the Orient; Precanceled envelopes; Civil War Playing Card Revenue stamps precanceled; and last but not least, in frames 176 to 200 there were shown some of the finest Bureau precancels in singles, pairs and blocks, complete set of the Experimental Bureau and one of the finest Liberty Missouri 1 1/2c Bureau coils in existence.

The Bourse dealers did some real business, a Bureau coil pair collection changed hands the first day of the show, proving that there are buyers for all kinds of precancels, including rarities. As a matter of fact H. W. Perry of Abilene, Texas continued to do business at his booth long after (Continued on page 11)

### Will Picture Pioneers And Gold Miner; First Day September 9; Initial Printing Is 115 Million

California, the nation's second largest state in land area, and the 31st admitted to the Union, will celebrate the centennial of its admission on September 9. That is the exact date to the day when California became a member of Uncle Sam's healthy and growing family. On this same day, at Sacramento, the state capital, the Post Office Department will release a 3c commemorative stamp marking the anniversary. Appropriate ceremonies and celebrations have been planned throughout the state; some will be but a continuation of those started with the first of the year, and which will be carried through to the end.

In announcing the details and description of the commemorative, the official bulletin of the Post Office Department reads as follows:

Postmaster General Jesse M. Donaldson announced August 8th the description of the 3-cent California Statehood commemorative stamp, which will be first placed on sale at Sacramento, California, on September 9, 1950.

The stamp will be 0.84 by 1.44 inches in dimensions, arranged horizontally with a single line border, printed by the rotary process, electric-eye perforated, and issued in sheets of 50. The color of the stamp will be yellow. An initial printing order of 115,000,000 California Statehood stamps has been authorized.

The stamp has for its central design a covered wagon, a pioneer man and woman, and a miner with his pan. The steamship "Oregon", which brought to California the first news that this far western territory had become the thirty-first State in the Union, is also depicted with all flags and pennants flying. At the side of the picture at the left are representations of California citrus fruit and at the right oil wells. In the upper central part is the word "California" in dark modified Roman, below which is "Centennial of Statehood 1850 - 1950" in dark Gothic. In the lower left corner is the denomination "3c" in white Gothic on a shaded rectangular background, to the right of which is a similarly shaded panel with the words "United States Postage" in the same style.

The California Statehood stamp was modeled by Victor S. McCloskey, Jr. The vignette was engraved by Matthew D. Fenton and the outline frame, lettering and numerals by Axel W. Christensen.

Stamp collectors desiring first-day cancellations of this stamp may send a limited number of addressed envelopes, not in excess of ten, to the Postmaster at Sacramento, California, with postal note or money order remittance to cover the cost of the stamps to be affixed. An enclosure of medium weight should be placed in each envelope and the flap either sealed or turned in. The outside envelope to the Postmaster should be endorsed "First Day Covers."

California, at least the lower two thirds of the state, reflects the influence of the Spaniards who were the first permanent settlers and the initial developers of the territory.

The name California itself is of Spanish origin, but is not, as

considered in some quarters derived from a contraction of the words "caliente" and "forno" which mean hot furnace. The early explorers coming in through Lower California, now a state of Mexico, had every reason to feel that the "hot furnace" was an accurate summation.

Considered historically correct is the statement that the name was taken from Montaloo's romance, "Las Sergas de Esplandian". Originally, only Lower California (Mexico) went under that name after visits by the Spaniards as early as 1533. The designation was gradually used to describe the entire state which now occupies an area approximately covering one half of the Pacific Coast of the United States.

Cabrillo in 1542 and 1543 is considered the first person to have done much in the way of exploration. He and his entourage visited the coast and islands of the Santa Barbara region.

Sir Francis Drake, sailing under the English flag, visited there in 1579 and named the territory New Albion. Drake was followed by Vizcaino in 1602 who sailed as far north as Point Reyes.

Spain tried to consolidate its hold by the establishment of missions under the Franciscan Order, the first to be erected at San Diego in 1769. By 1823 the last and most northerly of the Franciscan establishments was completed at Sonoma, making a total of 21 in all.

These missionaries planted the first fruit, olive and grape plantations and had cattle and horse ranches. They converted the Indians to Christianity and weaned them from a nomadic life to permanent farms and communities.

The Spanish government which intended eventually to turn the mission estates into administrative districts never acknowledged the title of the priests to the land and in 1777 began the founding of pueblos or towns.

After the Mexican Revolution of 1821, the missions began to decline. The Indians were partly emancipated in 1826 and the process of secularization which began in 1833 was completed in 1845.

In 1826, the first American immigrant wagon train entered California, while in 1840, the first capital was established at Monterey.

Under the Republic of Mexico, California enjoyed virtual autonomy and after 1840 its independence appeared inevitable. A (Continued on page 11)

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## Stamp Collecting

## The Sport And Support Of Kings

by G. Curran

Philately, or the hobby of stamp collecting, has been called the "Hobby of Kings" for many years.

Of late, this great hobby has assumed new importance on account of the flood of new issues by many countries, even including the United States and philately is now recognized as a profitable method of increasing the diminishing national revenues, so the hobby should be called "The Sport and Support of Kings."

A recent noted case is that of the British Empire putting out a 5 Pound stamp for several of its members which never have had nor will have any local use for such high values, except to sell in MINT condition to collectors.

As most of these stamps will not be used in postal service and the cost of printing and paper is nominal, cheaper than printing currency, the profit will be enormous.

Great Britain is not the only country that has taken advantage of this opportunity to make some easy money, on account of the desire of millions of collectors throughout the world to adorn their album pages with artistic bits of printed paper, not soiled by ink. Some even collect entire sheets, or blocks of four or eight, thus increasing the demand and profit to the royal treasury.

Liechtenstein should be placed at the head of the list of all countries, to take advantage of the stamp collectors in starting this "new issue craze."

Here is a small country, a constitutional monarchy, with only a population of about 12,000, a total area of 60 square miles, less than that of some of the large cities of the U. S., located in the Alps between Switzerland and Austria, Capital Vaduz, (have you ever heard of it—a cross word puzzle sticker), and yet Liechtenstein has put out from 1912, the date of issue of their first stamps, to 1947, according to Scott's catalogue, a total of 322 stamps, or nearly 10 a year for 35 years. The U. S. will soon catch up with this record if we continue at the rate we are going.

It is estimated that nearly one fourth of the national revenue of Liechtenstein is derived from the sale of stamps. With a population of only about 12,000 no one would think of claiming this amount of revenue came from the sale of stamps to local people.

The ruling Prince, Franz Josef II, is an ardent philatelist and has an excellent world wide collection. Mr. Fink holds the following offices:—President, Secretary of State, Treasurer and Education Minister, Chief of Police and Postmaster General. To insure a steady sale for stamps from this country, the P. O. Department puts out new issues every year and employs a staff of three expert artists to make them attractive in design. All their stamps compare favorably with those of any country.

The same cannot be said of many issues from the United States.

To the special collector the following detail of the Liechtenstein issues should prove of interest.

From 1912, date of the first issue, to 1918, the P. O. Department was administered by Austria. There were 10 only.

During 1920 the National Administration of the P. O. put out 6 issues, surcharged over 1917-18 issues. From 1921 to 1944, 152 issues were put out under the Swiss Administration of the P. O. Semi-Postals have been issued from 1925 to 1936 to the number of 14. Air mails from 1930 to 1939 to 23 in number. Postage dues 28, Officials 29. As most of these stamps are of low value it makes it interesting to try to complete ONE country. Try it.

## Bay City Sponsors Rice Festival Cachet

The Bay City Stamp Club will sponsor a cachet for the Rice Festival for that territory in late September.

A different cachet will be used for each of the two days of the Festival. Different covers will be used for each day. Service charge on the covers will be one cent each for self-addressed covers received. Complete covers will be furnished for five cents each. Readers wishing this service can get in touch with Mrs. V. C. Glenn, Secretary, 1941 Seventh, Bay City, Texas.

## Advance Notice On Foreign Stamps

The latest word received from the Whitfield King Co., in England tells us that a good number of stamps are in the offing. The information substantiates the information carried in the British Empire Chatter column elsewhere in this paper plus further information on general foreign stamps.

Belgium will issue soon an Airmail of 7 plus 3 Fr. blue stamp to commemorate the inauguration at Brussels of the First Belgian Helicopter Postal Circuit. The stamp will show a helicopter taking off after the unloading operations, and the loading of a transport aeroplane. The surtax is to be devoted to the National Aeronautical Committee, and will remain on sale until Oct. 17th, 1950.

Colombia will overprint the current Airmail set with a large capital "A". Information has it, that until recently the contract for carrying the airmail in Colombia has been held by the Avianca Company which is of mixed personnel and capital. The Lansa Company which is entirely Colombian capital and personnel has now broken this monopoly. A short time ago this last mentioned company issued some lithographed stamps of their own. This issue was, it was believed, not sanctioned and disapproved by the Ministry of Posts and Telegraphs. This department has now decided in future, all mail flown by Avianca will be franked with current airmail stamps overprinted "A". These have already appeared. All mail flown by the Lansa Company will be franked with stamps, also current airmail issue, overprinted "L". The latter stamps are due to be placed on sale in a short time.

Costa Rica has a set of fourteen stamps due for issuance shortly. These will commemorate the Agricultural Fair. It is understood that all the stamps will be for Air Mail.

Reports show that the new printings released on July 24th of the Northern Rhodesia stamps are approximately the same color. There is very little if any, difference in the shades. The 2d value is however, slightly duller red than the previous printing, but is almost identical to one of the earlier printings. The perforations remain unaltered.

Ireland U.P.U. rumors are officially disclaimed. Recent reports appearing in the philatelic press that Ireland was contemplating an issue for the U.P.U. is officially denied. It is however, proposed to issue stamps to commemorate Holy Year, which will probably appear in September although the exact date of issue has not yet been decided.



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## SOME IDEAS

From the Keystone Bulletin of the Western Pennsylvania Precancel Society we note two new ideas for making a collection of precancels. One is a collection of Personal names. A check of the Town lists will show that a large percentage of the towns listed perhaps are either directly or indirectly named after some personage or family or clan.—The other idea is a collection of towns that use precancels on the Erie Railroad. Of course the first thing to get is a map of the Erie Rail Systems, then start checking off the towns that use precancels.—A long time ago we saw a very fine collection of Towns that were of Indian origin. Almost every state in the union has some towns of such origin. In fact I think we would be safe in saying that every state has some such towns.—All these collections are very fine but they are not quite large enough to hold interest of a collector unless he is one of unusual tenacity.

## YOUNGSTOWN

The Mahoning Valley Stamp Club will hold their annual fall meeting Saturday and Sunday September 23rd and 24th at the Butler Art Gallery. As usual the Precancel collectors are invited to join up and attend. There is always a special room for swapping and the like and precancel collectors in eastern Ohio and Western Penna. make this their annual meeting place. If you are a beginner come over anyway and make yourself known. You won't be a stranger long.

## BRITISH EMPIRE CHATTER

by HENRY M. FRIEDMAN  
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JORDAN (Transjordan) There will be a special issue of seven values by Jordan to commemorate the inauguration of air mail service. The design, which is common to all values, features a reproduction of the globe with a four engined aircraft of modern type superimposed thereon. All stamps will be in two colors. The values and colors will be:

- 5 fils purple/orange
- 10 fils brown/lilac
- 15 fils red/olive
- 20 fils black/blue
- 50 fils green/claret
- 100 fils sepia/cobalt blue
- 150 fils vermillion/black

Except for the 150 fils stamp, the border colors are the same as for the equivalent value of the current issue.

SARAWAK. Supplies have been ordered of the 10c stamp of Sarawak in a new design. The present border will be retained but the vignette will feature a map of Sarawak as in the current two dollar stamp. The color will remain unchanged—yellow.

BAHAMAS. New colors will be issued for the 2 pence and three pence stamps and will be released as soon as received from the printers. The new stamps will be 2 pence green and 3 pence red.

TONGA. This column recently advised that there would be a special issue of 3 stamps to commemorate the 50th birthday of Queen Salote. An official announcement states that the colors will be different than previously announced. They will be 1 pence red, 5 pence green and 1 shilling purple.

MALTA. There has been a change in the color of the one pence stamp which is part of the special set of three stamps to commemorate the visit of Princess Elizabeth. The 1 pence stamp will be green and not red as previously announced.

GIBRALTAR. The stamps overprinted "New Constitution 1950" which were released on August 1st, will be on sale for six months until January 31st 1951. During the currency of these stamps the equivalent values of the regular issue will be withdrawn.

FIJI. As previously announced the 1/5 of Fiji became obsolete when the superceding value of 1/6 was released on August 1st 1950.

TURKS & CAICOS. The new definite pictorial set of 13 values from 1/2 pence to 10 shillings was released on August 2nd and the previous issue withdrawn from sale at the close of business on July 31st.

## Oklahomans Announce 18th Annual Convention

The 18th Annual convention and exhibition of the Oklahoma Philatelic Society will be held in the Hotel Biltmore, Oklahoma City, Okla. The dates chosen for the event are Sept. 29, 30th, and Oct. 1st, 1950.

The exhibition is open for frames to all members of the Oklahoma Philatelic Society in good standing.

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## Canadian News

by Lorne W. Bentham  
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Now that the former Prime Minister of Canada has recently passed on, there is at present a movement underway by several prominent Canadian philatelists to have the Post Office Department create a special commemorative stamp honoring this great world statesman.

One of the most popular designs that has been suggested is the photograph by Karsh of Ottawa, that shows the late William Lyon Mackenzie King in his garden with his dog, Pat.

Collectors as well as non-collectors here in Canada believe that this particular design would have a great human interest appeal to all of the world who knew the late Mr. King as a good friend, in time of peace and war.

However, it is understood that the Canadian Post Office Department officials are seriously considering issuing such a commemorative. In fact, if the authorities do concur to this suggestion, I am of the opinion that the Mackenzie King commemorative will be the most popular stamp that Canada has ever issued in its history.

Fortunately for collectors, the Canadian Post Office Department operates a philatelic agency which is recognized the world over as one of the most efficient agencies catering to the needs of philatelists.

The agency was established in 1932 with the late A. Stanley Dea-ville, whose name is still known throughout the philatelic world, as its first chief. He directed operations of the agency until his death on February 16, 1948, immediately after being interviewed on the radio by this columnist in regards to the first-day of the Princess Elizabeth marriage commemorative stamp.

Many of the high original standards laid down by Mr. Dea-ville are still being carried on by J. R. Carpenter, the present chief. The agency still maintains the practice of selling obsolete Canadian stamps in perfect mint condition at face value.

Since the agency was established it has been its steadfast rule that hobbyists were to get first chance at all new stamps. Officials will not cater to those stamp buyers who deal in large quantities, as some collectors and non-collectors are led to believe. They are intent on protecting the interests of the average collectors.

Unlike philatelic agencies of other countries which make a practice of giving advance notice of quantities to be published of a new issue, the Canadian agency refrains from carrying out this policy. It claims that such a practice would be playing into the hands of professional philatelists who would charge their own prices.

To decrease the financial speculation in Canadian issues the agency publishes the quantities of stamps that have been printed, six months after the issue is completely sold out.

For this, the agency is to be commended highly. The quantities of stamps that have been issued are included in an official list. This list is obtainable from the Director of the Philatelic Agency, Post Office Department, Blackburn Building, Ottawa, Canada.

Richard P. Shaw, immediate past president of the Topographical Survey Technicians' Club of the Department of Mines and Technical Surveys of the Dominion Government, has brought to my attention his club's current stamp drive for the patients of the Royal Ottawa Sanatorium who are interested in philately as a hobby.

This Technicians' Club is a group of federal civil servants employed in the Topographical Survey section. One of their many worthwhile projects is collecting of used stamps from all over the world for the patients at the Royal Ottawa Sanatorium. The stamps are donated by several business firms as well as by many public spirited citizens.

Mr. Shaw said that the hospital authorities are pleased with this idea of encouraging the philatelic hobby among patients who in fact receive much therapeutic value from it.

All the stamps donated are sent to the patients, unsorted and just the same as they are received from the donors. Officials of this club consider all stamps donated as a trust fund collection. The scheme has been in operation for a little over a year.

Donations to this project may

be sent to the Technicians' Club Stamp Drive, Topographical Survey, Surveys and Mapping Branch, Department of Mines and Technical Surveys, No. 8 Temporary Building, Carling Avenue, Ottawa, Canada. Those used spare stamps that the readers may have, will be welcome. Why not make somebody else happy by donating your duplicates to this worthwhile project?

Comes word from President Hedley of Buffalo, N. Y., to the effect that the British North American Philatelic Society is looking forward to its second annual convention and exhibition. This year the exhibition and convention will be held at the Benjamin Franklin Hotel at Philadelphia. The dates of this special event will be from September 29, to October 1.

President Hedley in his letter to me mentioned the fact that he would appreciate it very much if many Canadian philatelists would attend this convention. The reason for this request is that there are more philatelists in this country who are specializing in B.N.A. stamps than any other form of specialization.

## Proposed Postal Rate Burden To All Groups

by Glenn W. Dye

In 1949, the Post Office Department managed to get a 50% raise in certain postal rates, plus an additional \$10.00 charge for typing out approximately 20 words on a printed form.

This happened most notably in the use of precancels, at the 3rd and 4th Class Rates, but under a proposed law, it would apply also, to Second Class Mailings.

However, the fact that a one cent article now goes for 1½¢ and the postoffice would like to see it go over 3¢ is something to stop and think about.

If the presently proposed bill revising postal rates is passed, the former 1¢ tag would be 1.9¢ in 1951; 2.3¢ in 1952; 2.9¢ in 1953; and the ultimate of 3.7¢ in 1954.

You ask, just how do you arrive at these figures??

The answer to this is simple arithmetic. The P. O. Department wants the rates raised as follows: 25% each year for four years, from the present rates, but they forget to tell the Senators that the P. O. has already jacked up the rates of bulk mail a full 50% plus the extra 10 dollar tag.

Now after you spend this ten dollars and only have a piece of paper telling you that you can make a mailing of 200 or more identical pieces of mail at one time, you find that you don't like to lick these 200 or more stamps, so you go back to the P. O. and they nick you another ten dollars for the right to print a little black box on the envelope, or booklet telling the people that the postage is paid. You get nothing for this extra ten dollars except another piece of paper, yellow in color this time, instead of white as was the first one.

This postal rates business is getting to be a serious matter for the small businessman, the clubs that make 3rd class mailings, and in fact all of us.

## Latest News On Austrian Printing

The Austrian Postal Administration states in a communication to the press, that recently stamps printed on privately ordered stationery (envelopes, letter sheets, address labels) have been cut out and sold in foreign countries as imperforate stamps and even miniature sheets. To make such fraudulent misrepresentation impossible in the future, all stamps on such privately ordered stationery will receive thereafter a special marking, printed closely below each stamp, reading "Unmittelbarer Wertzeichenaufdruck gem. S17 (1) P. O.", which refers to the postal regulations by which such private orders of stationery are permitted. The Austrian Postal Administration hopes that this will satisfy the many collectors and dealers who protested to the Postal Administration regarding the unethical practices to which privately ordered Austrian stationery was misused. The above information came through the courtesy of Edwin Mueller, Mercury Stamp Co., 522 Fifth Ave., New York 18, N. Y.

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## Catalog Listings Of Spain Need Revision

by Carlos Lenze  
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With the release of the 1950 Scott Postage Stamp Catalog, the publishers, Scott Publications, Inc. of New York City announced a thorough revision of the listings of the stamps of China. This seems to have been an excellent job although in the opinion of many specialists in the stamps of China, long overdue.

A similar thorough revision seems called for in the listings of the stamps of Spain. Here in some instances, the Scott Catalog is the only one of the several of the world's outstanding which persists in certain errors of classification.

Myself and other collectors resident in Spain have written on several occasions to the Scott firm suggesting that certain changes be made, and accompanying our suggestions with the correct information and in some cases, documentation.

Inasmuch as the year of 1950 will see the centennial of the first Spanish postage stamps, it would definitely be an appropriate year for the incorporation of the correct information in the catalog.

Sixteen different classifications of Spanish stamps exist in the Scott 1950. They are:—

1. Ordinary postage, No. 1 to 768.
2. Semipostals, No. B1 to B136
3. Airmails, No. C1 to C125
4. Airmail Semipostals, No. CB1 to CB17.
5. Airmail Spec. Del., No. CE1
6. Airmail Officials, No. CO1 to CO6
7. Special Delivery, No. E1 to E20.
8. Spec. Del. Semipostal, No. EB1 to EB2
9. Delivery Tax, No. ER1 to ER3.
10. War Tax, No. MR1 to MR21.
11. Official, No. O1 to O29.
12. Postal Tax Stamps, No. RA1 to RA27.
13. Postal Tax Semipostal, No. RAB1.

14. Postal Tax Airmail, No. RAC1 to RAC9

15. Franchise stamps, No. S1 to S2.

16. Carlist stamps.

This method of distinguishing between the different stamps is neither scientific nor exact. As for instance the Red Cross airmails of 1926. These have been divided into two classifications, B14 to 18 as semipostals and CB1 to 5 as airmail semipostals. This is indeed a capricious division since actually all the stamps are of exactly the same character—they are airmail semipostals. All the other leading catalogs of the world list them as such, and as one set.

Another divergence from actual facts are that the stamps listed by the Scott Catalog as B123-4, and B125-6, and for that matter all to B136, the so-called Pro Tuberculosis stamps are of the same character as the single listed as RAB1. One or the other of the two classifications should be eliminated.

The stamp existing under the catalog number of RA13, the 10c blue, picturing Spain holding a wreath over Marching Soldiers, is in all respects a stamp for regular postage and should be carried in that section of the listings.

Stamps which are listed as RA1 to RA11, the Barcelona Postal Tax stamps, are given the same recognition that they would if they were an issue used throughout the nation by all areas. Why the listing of such stamps is cut off with the issue of 1936 is puzzling inasmuch as there were subsequent releases until December 31, 1945 when they were stopped entirely.

As local stamps, they should be given an entirely different classification than they have now with the addition of the issues to 1945, or should be eliminated entirely.

Those are but several of the instances where an improvement in listings of the stamps of Spain are desirable.

There certainly would be no lack of cooperation from the experts, both dealer and collector, of Spain, in helping the needed revisions. Such persons need but to be asked their assistance.

A single stamp was issued by Barbados in 1906 to celebrate the first landing of the British. It pictured the ship, "Olive Blossom."

Explorer Charles Sturt is pictured on an Australian stamp which marks the centenary of his exploration of the Murray River.

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## "Jes Ramblin . . ."

Tother morning I got up earlier than usual because I couldn't go to sleep all night, so I just got tired of trying and came down to the office early. I stopped off at the P. O. for the mail and when I got to our office I noticed a copy of a newspaper that has been coming to our office for a good many months. You know I was raised in the atmosphere of a country weekly newspaper and it is a splendid place to be raised. Country weekly newspapers always have had a fascination for me for they are the best examples of good sound old fashioned Americanism. It is through these old fashioned country newspapers that we get the plain truth for those boys never had to be afraid of offending some advertising patron and losing his advertising. They went right ahead and spoke up and never had to suffer for it. Of course one of the reasons was that there were no offensive advertisements printed in those days, people were more fair and honest about such things and the readers could depend on what they read in the paper a good bit better than they can today.



GEO. W. LINN

Anyhow this newspaper we found in our mails was a copy of "The Sentinel." It is published by Bob Bickford down in Brundidge, Alabama and we sure got a kick out of reading it. Bob runs it just like my dad ran his paper fifty and sixty years ago. Bob speaks right up in meeting and says what he thinks and it is all good common sense matter written in plain old fashioned "Shirt Sleeve English" which by the way was given quite a boost in the August number of Reader's Digest. Bob is a master of that sort of English as is proven by his column "Jes Ramblin . . . with Bob Bickford" which occupies the first column and some overflow on page one of his paper. It is enlightening and entertaining to read and Bob tells the folks in Brundidge and in other parts of Alabama just what is what and we like that sort of reading. You who have written us that you like our editorials, and there have been thousands of you in the past twenty years should get a copy of Bobs' paper and read his writing. You sure would get a kick out of it.

What, nothing about stamps. Yes there is for it is through stamps that we got in touch with Bobs' paper for he evidently started taking our paper and then started sending us his, for Bob is a stamp man and how. His newspaper altho just a country weekly has a big column on stamp collecting and Bob is also a stamp dealer, a real estate broker and most anything else, as is proven by the various offers and announcements in his paper. We would be willing to bet that he is also an allaround printer, he probably sets some of the copy on the linotype, helps feed the sheets through the press, acts as editor and in between times as printers devil. That is the way the country weeklies are run and I tell you it is great fun. A man does that kind of work because he loves it and any man who loves his work has got to be a good man.

Just for fun, let me quote you a paragraph out of Bobs' column on page one of his paper. . . "Had a pretty busy week and we have the paper pretty full of advertising. Guess that word pretty isn't the right one. Fellow asked me how I was feelin tother day and I replied 'Pretty Good' and he up and says as how I might be good, he didn't know, but I sure twern' pretty."

Yes sir, we got a big kick out of readin this old fashioned country weekly and we think we would all be better off if we had some of the same kind of straight shooting in our big publications of today.

## P. O. D. Efficiency Or Waste

We take the following from the Daily Times of Davenport, Iowa, August 4 issue. Quote. . . "Who says the postal department is so bound up in red tape and deficits it can't act with alacrity? Last month the Bettendorf, Iowa postoffice became tired of trying to operate a typewriter 27 years old. So into Washington went a letter requesting a new machine during the present fiscal year. To the surprise of Bettendorf, Iowa authorities, two new typewriters were rushed out of Washington and to the Bettendorf postoffice within three weeks."

Two of them mind you, not one as requisitioned. Perhaps the P. O. D. wants to empty the warehouse where they keep the surplus typewriters so as to save the rent. We wonder if they have as many typewriters as they have Loose Leaf Binders.

## It Was A Real Flood

We feel that just a few words are due in behalf of Mr. K. Bileski of Winnipeg, Canada. In all the years that we have done business with Mr. Bileski, we have come to regard him as one of the finest and best of our many advertising patrons and we have a great respect and admiration for this man. Some short weeks ago as you should remember from the newspapers the city of Winnipeg was besieged by the flood waters of the Red River. This was no ordinary flash flood like you might think but for 72 days, over ten full weeks, the flood raged in this city. Mr. Bileski was fortunate in that his buildings were sitting rather high and in a safe spot, yet water did get to him, his property outside was ravaged, his business was stopped and much damage was done. It is taking weeks and weeks to get repairs because everyone in Winnipeg wants help to do repair work so it is a strenuous job for a man to get things in shape again. As matters have been Mr. Bileski says he has been working 16 hours a day trying to get things in shape. He is behind with his mail and now he has a crew of carpenters working and in that period he is going to take a brief vacation and rest with his family. On his return home, about the time this message reaches you he will have things in good shape again and will resume business and start cleaning up. We feel confident that all orders that have gone to him will be cared for. If not immediately, eventually for he must be swamped and it takes a good lot of hard work to pull out of a mess such as this, so just be patient, but write him with complete details if you have an order with him and it is not delivered.

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## DOUBLE IMPRESSIONS—by Mel



"Yes, I came out here in '37 to service some Coronation First Days, but the Crown Agents were slow in sending the stamps—so I said to myself, 'What the heck!'"

## U.S. Stamps At Face

Dealers have overloaded us for the present with a large quantity of 5c Roosevelt, also 5c France Flag stamps. In addition we have quite a few 5c United Nations and 5c Swedish Pioneers. Also a quantity of the 15c C.I.P.E.X. souvenir sheets. The stamps are mostly in full sheets with the corner plate or name block of four removed. All are nice copies and well centered. We know that a lot of our readers can use such material on their mail for correspondence and that there may be some who can use this material on controlled mail and thus recover it used.

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## Defective Stamps That Became 'Rare'

by Edwin L. Brooks

Everytime they turn out a defective postage stamp in Washington it is a holiday for collectors. The time two or three 5-cent dies got neatly placed in the middle of some 2-cent sheets furnished as much excitement of its kind as a Dillinger jailbreak.

But when the 25-cent Niagara Falls issue landed in post offices with a line running right across the falls there was something that could be licked only by a black eye on a George Washington stamp.

The old stamps and the rare ones are sought by collectors, but so are the new ones, provided the new ones are not perfect.

At the post office they still talk in awed tones of the stampede for the sheets when the perforator refused to work. And they have a reason for speaking of this incident with such reverence, for alongside of the Oklahoma land rush this event of the Oklahomans was merely an Easter parade. Somehow it got around that there were sheets with one-way perforation, but before long an eagle-eyed government inspector smelled a rodent and stopped the onrush by taking the supply away, and so there were a few lucky prospectors that day.

## ANOTHER FIND

But while this is being written, there comes word from Don Houseworth of a similar but much greater find. Probably the most important philatelic discovery ever made on the Pacific Coast is the find of an imperforate vertical variety of the current 10-cent special delivery red-violet (type SD6, Scott's No. 1904). According to R. E. Boody, stamp editor of the Oakland Tribune, the vertical imperforate appears between the first and second rows of stamps. This sheet is the only one known to exist. The number of the sheet is 19283. The sheet was purchased by a non-collector from an Oakland branch post office. However, a stamp collector promptly noticed the imperforate

and secured permission from the owner to submit the sheet to a noted stamp dealer for inspection. To make such a find as this is truly the dream of every collector—especially after learning what is being asked for the current 6-cent bi-colored air mail, horizontal imperforate variety of which forty full sheets were found. If each one of the 6-cent air mail sheets is worth \$2,500—that is the above special delivery sheet worth!

## ACCIDENTS ARE FEW

Now, of course, there are smaller varieties that are looked for by the specialist.

Take, for instance, the then current 2-cent Adams stamp the editor found some ten years ago. One of the perforations had one less than usual, or, in other words, one of the needles in the perforating machine had worked loose and had fallen out.

Now this isn't such a great rarity, but to the specialized collector it is a find.

Similar things may happen at the printing plant in Washington. Sometimes a government employee may put the plate in wrong, or—dream-eyed because of Spring fever—may by accident drag across the plate a sharp instrument or even a rag with a dangling thread, which in the end might result in the stamps coming out with a line running through several stamps, which would no doubt be a swell day for some collector, but we think the government employee wouldn't enjoy it.

## King Literature To Be Sold At Auction

Announcement has been made that the W. R. King Philatelic Literature Collection will be sold at Public Auction by Sylvester Colby, Inc., 505 Fifth Avenue, New York, early this fall. It will be recalled that the King Library was one of the most prolific holdings of Philatelic Literature in recent years.

The advent of this sale calls attention to the fact that, save for one other collection, this is the largest private philatelic library in the United States. Not since the Rickert Sale of five years ago, has an opportunity such as this, been afforded the collector to fill gaps in his library.

W. R. King of Grand Island, Nebraska was a very meticulous collector, and this reflected in his books. Most of the library is bound, generally in half leather. Mr. King tried to keep his library after the style of the Crawford Catalog. There are many early catalogs and practically a complete collection of all the hand-books that have been printed. It is replete with reference books, and all of the outstanding works. There is a very large holding of periodicals.

No definite date has been set for the Auction. However, a very detailed catalog is planned. Special cataloging is to be done by Mr. George Turner who is a bibliophile in his own right. It is suggested that interested parties communicate with the Colby Organization so they will receive a catalog when published.

## Sacramento Club Cached Covers

The Sacramento Stamp Club advertisement in the August 7th and 14th issues for the California Centennial covers is changed slightly. We wish to call your attention to the difference in the mailing address.

Due to the unfortunate death of Mr. Tilton, Jr., on July 30th the address for servicing the covers will be 2582 Land Park Drive Attention: Leroy D. Armstrong, Chairman Executive Committee, Sacramento 14, California.

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## Getting The Scout Stamp Merit Badge

by Lewis F. Turley

Many an experienced stamp collector could add much to his enjoyment in his search for knowledge in stamp collecting. This is written for anyone really interested in gaining knowledge.

The writer found out that there is much enjoyment in helping other people by inadvertently being appointed a counselor for the local Boy Scouts and assisting them to earn a merit badge in Stamp Collecting.

The program as outlined for the Boy Scouts is one well thought out and really merits the attention of even the more experienced collectors. The handbook is prepared by Prescott Holden Thorp. The book in itself is copyrighted by Boy Scouts of America but if one is to learn anything and had only this book to consult they could learn much. The general questions and answers would make one think about them if one did not know the answers already.

It is true that most of the material contains general information but it also goes into the answers with much more detail, that is, much more than the standard catalog, for instance.

Of all the requirements that needed study it struck me that mainly the subject of "Paper Making and Watermarking" is one that would have many an older person scratching their head. In fact, the hand book devotes 14 pages alone to this general subject. This includes many sketches and photographs of watermarks, plate layout, perforations and how it is done.

Frankly, the writer was amazed at the length devoted to this subject.

Another most interesting subject or requirement is "how to use a Stamp Catalogue." This subject alone is well worth reading. In fact, even the more experienced collector can learn a little here. By this we mean, thinking back to our days as a dealer, the many errors of cataloguing done by so called experienced collectors.

Many times have we looked over a collection where the party has been guilty of discovering a certain stamp in their collection and calling it a certain catalogue number. Then when they think they have a certain rare stamp, along comes another collector and blows their high hopes into a cocked-hat. The stamp from all appearances is the stamp as marked but really it either is a different perforation, a different watermark or else it is of a different kind of paper.

Especially is this true of the British Colonies when referring to those stamps issued prior to the George VI series. It can happen even in these stamps as witnessed by the War Issue of like stamps being either different in color, or else, in perforation. One called to mind the stamp of Fiji #119 as compared with Fiji #128. The stamps appear identical but a little footnote calls one's attention to the fact that a native in the canoe appears in the same picture on only #128.

This one factor brings out the point mentioned above about certain collections being set up and catalogued in error. Having looked over many copies of this stamp, it was found that many collectors made the obvious mistake of having the stamp catalogued as #119 when actually they had the latter number, #128. In this particular instance the value is not too much different but such an error occurring in items like the Edward V or VII would make a great deal of difference.

One time we recall having some stamps from a well-known wholesaler supplying the retail dealer. The stamps came from a want list submitted to him for approvals on a commission basis. When they arrived, the writer took the pains to look them over before sending them along to the buyer. Among many stamps looked over, one particular discovery of an error came about through lack of the wholesaler having not watermarked his stamps from stock.

It appears that he had bought a collection just prior to receiving my want list. Thinking he was filling my want list, he sent along a stamp to fill out a set, thinking he was sending me a 25c catalogued item. Upon watermarking



## DANISH SLOGAN CANCELS

conveying two messages are presently in use in many of the automatic cancelling machines of Denmark. The top one reads "HUSK SOLGAVEN/til de blinde/GIRO nr. 337", which translated means, "Remember the Sun Present for the Blind People". The bottom two are versions of the same slogan, "DAEMPER/RADIOEN", meaning turn down your radio. They are shown through the courtesy of Eric Wowers, 5 Ordrupdalvej, Charlottenlund and Fred Arndt, 44 Klosterengen, Roskilde, both of Denmark.

the set, this stamp was not as sent but really was an item that catalogued \$10.00.

Had yours truly not been honest, or shall we say naive, and returned the stamp, both the wholesaler and collector would have been convinced that the stamp was a certain catalogue number. It is true that the collector might have caught it but again he might have taken my word as I almost took the wholesaler's word. In this case, it would have appeared to work to my advantage to keep the better value for the cheap price and looked elsewhere for the cheaper value.

As it turned out the dealer had almost 100 copies of this stamp and they were mixed up. After calling it to his attention, he carefully watermarked each stamp and if memory serves me correctly, he found that he had 25 of the more valuable stamp. This made his purchase of an accumulation or collection of much greater value to him and he in turn gave me the right stamp as well as several of the other stamps for stock for nothing.

This example brought home to me one point. You must know your stamps if you wish to collect intelligently. Collectors usually take the dealer's word for things. In most cases this is all right but again in cases of really valuable stamps do not take anyone's word but your own. If you are not convinced that the article is not authentic have the stamp expertized by an authority before sinking good money into it. Even the experts can be fooled sometimes.

If the Merit Badge book is available (we do not know if the general public has access to this book or not), then everyone would do themselves a great deal of good by getting one for the general information in it.

## New Release For UPU Album, Announced

Publication of an album for the stamp series issued on the occasion of the seventy-fifth anniversary of the Universal Postal Union has been announced by the Lindner Display Album Co.

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3. That the stamps of Czechoslovakia, showing the brothers, Sts. Cyril and Methodius, represent the second time that stamps of any nation have carried the likeness of brothers not members of royal families. They are also the only brothers shown as Saints.

4. That two men shown on United States Stamps died as the result of duels and their opponents in each case had surnames whose initial was B. (see below).

5. That there is a Chinese physician, later President of his country shown on a United States stamp with one of our Presidents. (see below).

6. That President Franklin D. Roosevelt is shown studying his stamp collection by the countries of Monaco and Nicaragua on their stamps.

7. That the emblems of both the Rotary and the Lions clubs have appeared on foreign stamps but not that of Kiwanis.

8. That the source of why parents grow gray before their time is shown on the stamps of British Honduras in the tapping of chiclet for bubble gum.

9. That a semipostal stamp of Belgium shows a portrait of Jan van Eyck, said to be the inventor of oil painting.

10. That President J. M. Castro of Costa Rica shown on the stamps of his country was the only head of a nation to protest against the invasion of the Papal States in 1870. The inviolability of that center of Christendom had been guaranteed by a great nation whose leader bore the ancestral title of "Defender of the Faith" but whose voice remained silent for the occasion. Castro later died by assassination.

4. The duels of Hamilton and Burr; and of Decatur and Barron.

5. Dr. Sun Yat Sen.

## Twin Cities Dealers Form Trade Association

To help promote the hobby of stamp collecting and at the same time advance their own interests, the stamp dealers of Minneapolis and St. Paul, Minn. have formed the Northwest Stamp Dealers Association. It is felt that united they can do much more than as individuals.

One of the initial efforts of promotion will be a booth at the Minnesota State Fair. At this same event, but in a different location will be an exhibition of stamps and covers.

President of the organization is N. O. Sullivan, the secretary-treasurer is Art McCracken, 7 S. Sixth St., Minneapolis, Minn.

## Touring Clevelanders Visit Linn's Offices

Mr. Joe Cmarik and his charming wife from 3859 154th Street Cleveland, Ohio visited Linn's Offices last week. The Cmariks were on vacation and touring in Western Ohio. Joe took home with him one of the new sets of illustrated Commemorative album pages just released and is going to remount his commemoratives pronto.

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by Datus L. Lacy

I was five years old when I first heard that. Some neighbor women were visiting my mother at the time. They tip-toed to the window and peeped through starched curtains. I scrambled through billowing skirts and pushed the curtains aside. I wanted to see what Uncle Sam looked like. All I could see was the town letter carrier in a gray uniform and a high felt helmet. He looked like a policeman in a Mack Sennett comedy. He certainly didn't impress me much, walking gingerly over the wooden sidewalks our town used to have. Slippery with thawing snow, the boards wobbled and rattled as the mailman approached.

As I say, he didn't look heroic but I noticed a strange thing. He seemed to exert an uncanny influence on the neighborhood. Ahead of him, as he made his way along the rickety walk, the curtains moved apart, then grew still as he passed.

One of the visiting neighbor women, as he passed her house spoke rather shockingly. "Oh, fudge!" she said. That was pretty strong language!

Uncle Sam did stop at our house that day. My mother brought a letter in and, smiling, said to me: "It's a letter from your Aunt Carrie 'way out in Wisconsin. And here's a picture of your cousin Chester." I still never thing of that cousin of mine without thinking of Chester Gump!

As the years passed I often heard the cry, "Here comes Uncle Sam!" and observed the aftermath of pleasure and disappointment when he had gone.

I grew to realize that while the letter carrier seemed commonplace, and sometimes in the rain even a little bedraggled, he was the most welcome visitor in town.

Well, I still hear that cry—for I've been a member of Uncle Sam's gray-clad postal infantry for more than 30 years.

Our town has concrete sidewalks now and I don't undulate or wobble as I come down the street. And if I appear to stagger now and then, remember I am carrying a strictly legitimate load!

The curtains still move for a block ahead of me, as they did for that carrier long ago, but other things are different. It has been a long, long time, for example, since I've heard a woman say, "Oh, fudge!"

During my years of service I've seen thousands of our townspeople come and go. I suppose you could say I've watched the comedy and tragedy of life unfolding here in this green bowl of hills.

If you're under 33 years of age I may have delivered the letters announcing your birth—and the doctor's bill which followed; invitations to your first birthday party; your graduation announcement; your wedding invitations; the wonderful personal letters you looked forward to; or, upon the death of a loved one, I may have delivered letters of sympathy.

I've seen you grow from a girl pushing a doll cart, into a young woman wheeling a full-sized carriage, complete with gurgling occupant. I've watched you sprout from a boy with a lollipop to a young man with a pipe in your mouth.

I suppose, too, that I know almost as many of our townspeople who rest in the cemetery up on the hill as I do living here today. I have delivered letters from all

parts of the earth—letters of every kind from all kinds of people. But never, never have I delivered enough! The wish—the demand—is always for more.

People react in many ways to their joys and disappointments. I've observed their pleasure, anger, sorrow and apathy, depending on whether or not I delivered the desired letters. I've heard parents say, upon hearing from an absent son, "He's a good kid; he never forgets." Or, when he didn't write, "Well, I guess he's having a good time. He forgets—until he's in trouble!"

Sometimes people try to hide their disappointment with lugubrious humor. Every carrier has seen the forced smile accompany the remark, "The only time we get mail is the first of the month."

However, there is one remark which goes to the heart of the letter-writing deficiency. It is, "I guess I can't expect a letter if I don't write any." It would seem that friendship is a reciprocating engine.

It would take a book to dwell on those unforgettable years of agony between Pearl Harbor and V-J Day. But I can never erase from my memory the feeling of impatient sympathy we all felt as we delivered letters which began, "Dear Madam: It is with deepest sympathy that we regret to inform you....."

I think that a little boy who lived a few years ago in the Children's Home here symbolized the desire of all of us to be recognized as full fledged members of humanity in good standing. This boy had no folks. As I came along I saw him, fingers hooked into the heavy wire fence, his face pushed against it.

"Hey mailman," he said with earnest wistfulness, "bring me a letter, please, won't you?" That little boy expressed every individual's desire for a salutation from his fellows.

Sometimes I think that "Hungry and you feed me not; sick, and ye visited me not," could stand this addition: "Friendless, and ye wrote me not."

Well, why don't people write more letters? one reason is procrastination—that thief of time! It is also the assassin of friendship.

Also, too many of us wait until we feel we can write a "real good letter." Well, practice makes perfect. You'll be surprised how good your letters will get if you write more of them.

Some people are self conscious about their grammar, spelling, etc. "What will they think of me?"

But most people are as scared of you as you are of them. Try writing to your congressman and tell him the kind of legislation to will make a better world. Letter writing alone won't bring us a better world, but it can mitigate the troubles of this one—and make your own life more pleasant.

Well, I guess I've said enough for now. The dog up the street trained to carry his master's mail is barking happily. Those curtains all along the block are parting and eager eyes peer out. I'll be moving along.

"Here comes Uncle Sam!"  
Editors Note: This article was originally a radio address, written and presented over the air in Warren, Pennsylvania, by Datus L. Lacy, a local letter carrier.

## Unlisted Mexican Registration Seals

By J. F. McGee

By unlisted, I mean they are not chronicled in Yvert's French catalog, which aims to list and illustrate all items of this class. I have two types of these seals. They are of similar design, but one has the eagle embossed and the other not.



I found the two in a mixture that was largely of 1c and 2c U. S. stamps on paper of the 1890 period. This lot was said to have been an accumulation or the discards of an old-time Omaha stamp dealer, Frank Brown. Mr. Brown also published a stamp monthly, "The American Philatelic Magazine." I have a complete file of it in three bound volumes, which I acquired at a New York auction. The first number is dated, October, 1892.

It is not easy to describe in words the Mexican seals that I mentioned. Both were on piece of the original envelopes. Each has an oval frame in blue ink, which is inscribed, "CORREOS-MEXICO/CERTIFICACION." The centers depict the eagle and the snake of the Mexican national arms. As I stated before, the eagle is embossed on one and not on the other. The seals are die-cut with long saw-tooth edges to make it nearly impossible to remove the seal from a registered letter or parcel without leaving telltale marks of tampering.

## House Organ Again Above Standard

Many house organs for the various stamp companies come in for the usual comments of the philatelic press. Many of them find their way to our office and follow the usual pattern of presentation. One that takes a seat mostly by itself is that of the Mercury Stamp Company of 522 Fifth Ave., New York 18, N. Y.

The Mercury Stamp Journal for July is of the usual fine quality and deals with problems confronting most collectors. It has a wealth of information dealing with subjects that are of most interest to those specializing in Philatelic Research. In addition, there are the usual questions and answers regarding stamps of foreign nature.

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**BELGIUM**—To commemorate the first mail pickup and delivery services by helicopter on the European continent, operated by Sabena, Belgium is issuing helicopter stamps and a commemorative card. Two 47D1 Bell helicopters were shipped to Brussels June 27 and the service is to be inaugurated after a series of test flights over the route. While the exact date of the regularly scheduled pickup and delivery has not been set it is understood that requests were to close at the Belgian Post Office Aug. 12. Apparently orders were accepted by the Comite National d'Aeronautique, 1 Rue Montoyer, Brussels, or an office known as "Philately," Sabena Airlines, 422 Madison Ave., New York 17. The cost of the souvenir card bearing the helicopter stamp was 10 Belgian francs or 20 cents, and the route scheduled embraces Libramont, Liege, Tongres, Hasselt, Beringen, Turnhout, Herenthals and Antwerp, in addition to Brussels.

**BULGARIA**—Ivan Vasoff, poet, who died Sept. 21, 1923, has been honored by a 4 levas, green, stamp which shows his birthplace at Sopot.



**COSTA RICA**—Fourteen stamps devoted to national products have been reported by the Tribune Stamp Co.—all of them airmails, and representing five distinct designs. The 1 centimo, light green and black, 10c, dark green and black, and 2 Colonos orange-yellow and black, bear the head of a cow; while the 2c, light blue and black, 30c, purple and black, and 5c, blue and black represent tuna fishing.

Pineapple is represented by the 2c, dark brown and black, and 65c, deep blue and black, while Bananas are featured on the 5c, ultramarine and black, 50c, blue-gray and black, and 5C, crimson and black. Coffee and an attractive Costa Rican woman are shown on the 45c, red-orange and black, 80c, rose and black, and 10C, red-violet and black. All bear the commemorative inscription noting that the stamps mark the 1950 Agricultural, Cattle and Industrial Fair held in Cartago.

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**ITALY**—Guido of Aresso, who taught music to the pope (John XIX) in the 11th century, has been honored with a 20 lire stamp in green, according to the Journal American, marking the 900th anniversary of his death. It was Guido who introduced the first six notes of the scale, deriving them from the first syllables of six lines of a hymn addressed to St. John, the Baptist.

**NETHERLANDS**—For the prepayment of correspondence originating from the International Court of Justice at the Hague, new 2 and 4 cent stamps are being issued. These stamps show no overprint—the name Cour Internationale de Justice is included in the design, which is after the "Van Krimpen" type. They are to be available to the public in cancelled form only.

**NEW ZEALAND**—The 1950 Health stamps will go on sale October 2, and will be withdrawn Jan. 31. These stamps are to be of the 1d. plus 1/2d. (bottle green) and 2d. plus 1d. (dull maroon) denominations, in large upright format, showing Princess Elizabeth and Prince Charles, her son, after a design by R. S. Phillips and James Barry, based upon a photograph taken by Marcus Adams Ltd. of London. Printing is being done by Harrison and Sons, London, by the photogravure process.

**SAN MARINO**—Three Red Cross stamps and a regular set of six postage stamps have been noted by Pierson Ostrow. Apparently the designs are to be selected as a result of local and Italian competition.

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I believe that a lot of collectors who for the most part are interested in the postage stamps of the United States are hurting themselves by not trying to get a copy of the Scott Specialized Catalog of United States stamps.

Now by that I do not mean to imply that a copy of the latest edition of this splendid reference book is the only one which will be of value. I feel quite certain that any edition of it for the past ten years will more than repay the purchase price many times over if it is consulted and read for the information it contains than for the catalog values of the stamps it lists.

During the past ten years there have been few if any stamps issued which require a specialized treatment, or for that matter in the decade prior to that time. As to catalog values for the past 20 years, they haven't changed radically, so let's just say that we want a copy of the "cat" just for information.

Everyone should have the data at his or her finger tips given in the fore part of the book describing paper, cancellations, printing methods, etc. Then as a further step, the collector should study the identifying marks and conditions which differentiate between face alike stamps throughout the various listings.

Such knowledge is fundamental, and learning it will make for a better collector.

Can you remember way back, when you had to learn your A, B, C's before you could learn to spell, write and make yourself otherwise expressive? That was fundamental, too, and if you didn't learn it you were lost economically and socially to a large extent.

If you can afford a new "cat" all the better, but the fundamental information is nearly identical in editions of the past ten years.

1. While on the subject of books, which commem was the last to have one shown in the design?

2. 1940 was the year 44 commemoratives were issued. One of them pictures a man reading from a prayer book. Which?

Three of the most attractive stamps ever issued in the regular postage size are the 1c Four Freedoms, the 2c United Nations and the 3c Win The War. Collectors generally did not appreciate their excellence because they were not considered commemoratives, weren't in the large size and issued with a lot of hullabaloo, and so did not look them over very well.

The things for which these stamps were issued are just as important today as they were seven and eight years ago.

I believe that it would be appropriate for the Post Office Department to re-issue these designs and denominations in view of present world conditions.

To keep them from being confused with the earlier stamps, the date 1950 could be added to the designs, or the colors could be interchanged or both.

If the stamps were good propaganda then, they should surely be just as valuable now - at least their sentiments are just as timely and just as appropriate.

Many of the beginning collectors once they discover the number of postage stamps this country has issued become a bit apprehensive and a little discouraged at the size of the task which confronts them in trying to get anything like a complete collection.

Of course, it is easier and cheaper to complete a used single album, than mint singles. Completing a collection in mint blocks comes as close to the impossible as a collector will face.

There remains then but one step for the stamp fan to take, and that is to realize his limits and stay within them. Limits can be governed both by money and time and usually it is the former.

He should say to himself, I will begin my mint block collection with the issues of 1930 and try to complete them; or the year can be earlier or later. Then after he has filled in everything, he can go after material from the earlier years.

Any number of smart collectors are building worthwhile collections in this manner rather than putting their stamp money in a mint sheet of each stamp as it appears.

One of the prime hot weather bits of stamp fun which collectors indulged, but which doesn't seem to be the vogue now, was the working of a stamp mixture. For that matter, I wonder whether the stamp mixtures of today are of the quality of before the war - they certainly are more costly.

I don't know from experience, for I haven't had the time to play with a mixture either domestic or foreign, in those years. But before that time I got many hours of enjoyment from them. And I might add, I learned a tremendous amount about stamps in getting both the U. S. and the foreign properly identified and sorted.

I never found anything valuable, and I never expected to. A mixture should be approached in the same manner that one would buy a ticket to a show, or some other amusement, and not for the additions of stamps to a collection. It is much cheaper to buy what you need outright, than to hope to find it in a mixture.

The greatest reward was the knowledge about stamps, while next in importance came the fun and relaxation. Other things gotten, especially in the U. S. mixtures, was generally enough unused stamps which almost paid for the mixture itself.

Collectors who like to hunt for shades, "socked on the nose" postmarks, slogan cancellations and other items will find many such items. Also to be found are commemoratives and precancels in minor quantities.

It used to be that the more you paid per pound for a mixture, the better the assortment, and the more variety. As I said before, I don't know how the situation is now, but I have a hunch that stamp mixtures like most everything else in the world today aren't of the grade or the price of yesteryear.

But, they are good fun.

Most folks know that the Post Office Department, in most of the larger post offices of the nation, has persons who are skilled in deciphering the "hen tracks" which some folks use in lieu of legible writing in addressing their mail. There also seems to exist some mystery how the various post offices can accomplish near miracles in the correct delivery of mail which has been incorrectly addressed.

An example of the latter comes

from Philadelphia, Pa. where a man received a letter addressed to him at the correct street address, but at New Orleans, La. instead of Philadelphia. And the letter was delayed only two days in the process.

The solution of the matter lies in the system used by the postal clerks in supplying deficient addresses.

The clerks at New Orleans in this case consulted the street directory of the principal cities of the United States, a book supplied to all city delivery offices.

They found that the street named existed in fifteen cities, but in none of them did the numbers run as high as 5429, the number on the envelope. The letter was then promptly forwarded to Philadelphia with as little delay as possible.

Simple, huh?

1. The Joel Chandler Harris stamp of 1948.
2. The friar on the Coronado Expedition issue.

### Luxembourg Bulletin Released

The fourth edition of the BULLETIN of the LUXEMBOURG PHILATELIC STUDY CLUB has just appeared. Collectors interested in Luxembourg stamps will find it a veritable gold-mine of information. Some of the many items covered are:

Data on German stamps used in Luxembourg during World War II;

Information on a special "Echternach" commemorative cancel used in April;

Identification of 18th Century stampless covers;

Additions to a previously published bibliography on Luxembourg stamps;

Partial list of members with special wants or material to exchange.

THE LUXEMBOURG PHILATELIC STUDY CLUB is a recently organized national specialists' society. Its BULLETIN has been coming out monthly. Collectors desiring a free copy of the Bulletin or information about the Society should write to P. Ostrow, Secretary, P. O. Box 121, Elizabeth, New Jersey. Dues are only \$1. per year.

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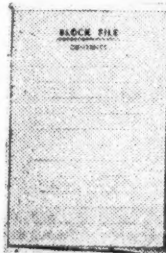
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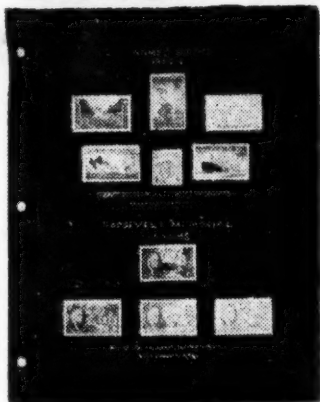


Block Files. Like sheet files should be used to put your blocks away for preservation, not for handling and to show. We have designed this block file to fit a 3 x 5 card index file drawer which most everyone can obtain in a good card board or wooden box at any stationery and they are splendid receptacles for these files. The files are of glassine with pocket style pages, covers of heavy tough stock flap on edge prevents falling out and blocks of all standard size will fit in these little files. For safety and storage these are unsurpassed. Files have ten pockets and will hold up to 40 blocks if filled as suggested for the sheet files.

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For a prize winning display, put one of your collections on Black Album Pages. No other page shows up your stamps in a more attractive manner.

These pages are the standard 8 1/2 x 11 inch size, punched with three holes to fit the standard ring binder of similar size.

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PACK EXTRA

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## SILVER STREAK COVER PAGES

Do not keep your covers in a box. Mount them properly and their value is much enhanced. Nothing is better or more practical for this purpose than our "SILVER STREAK COVER PAGES."

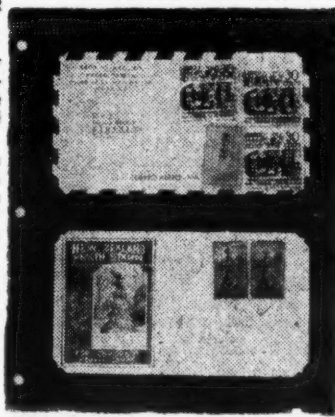
These pages are standard 8 1/2 x 11 inch size to fit the three ring binder of the same size. Punched as illustrated. The paper is the same fine quality jet black cover stock as used in our famous Black Album Pages.

These pages are printed both sides so that covers may be mounted both sides, thus four standard size covers to each page and a package of 25 pages will hold 100 covers, making an attractive album for display.

With each pack of pages are 25 glassine interleaves so that covers will not rub or snag. Sold in packs of 25 pages with 25 interleaves.

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## COMPACT COVER ALBUM

COMPACT IN SIZE—COMPACT IN WEIGHT  
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THE COMPACT COVER ALBUM is all that its name implies. Compact for shipment, it comes to you knocked down, unassembled in order that it may be shipped and handled more economically, permitting us to make the price more compact, which means a lower price for you. You save the assembly cost by putting the album together yourself and it is this feature that permits us to offer a really fine cover album at a price lower than you have ever seen before. A price so low that any collector can afford several of them, in fact you can have an album now for each different type or kind of cover that you collect, an album for Air Mail Covers, First Day Covers, Naval Covers, etc. You need no longer keep your cover collection in a box and shuffle them every time you want to show them.

The size is only 8 1/2 inches high, 17 inches long and 1 1/4 inches thick. This album will lay in a book case or drawer of your desk because of its compact size.

THE COMPACT COVER ALBUM consists of a heavy front and back binder with twenty-five glassine interleaf sheets all cut to accurate size and punched. Sufficient stubs to place between the pages to prevent bulging when album is filled are included also two 1 1/4 inch fine Screw Posts.

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ENTIRE COVER IS VISIBLE

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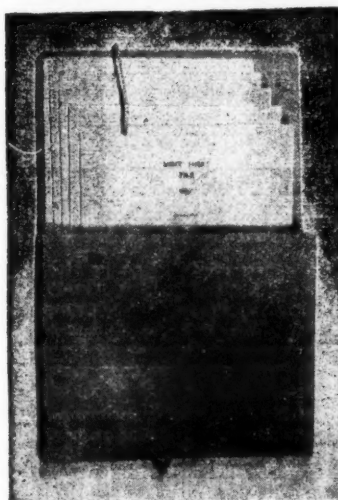
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**The three royal children were shown** in a semi-postal issue of Belgium in 1935.

**CALIFORNIA STAMP**  
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silent conflict arose between those who favored annexation to the United States, and the large class of property owners who favored establishment of a British Protectorate.

On June 14, 1846 a small party of Americans, aided by John C. Fremont, in the territory at the head of an exploring expedition, seized the town of Sonoma, raised the Bear Flag, and on July 4, proclaimed the independence of California.

Commodore Sloat, acting under orders from the United States government which was then preparing to go to war with Mexico, seized Monterey and Yerba Buena (San Francisco). The conquest of the country was completed with aid from Commodore Stockton, Col. Fremont and General Kearny.

On August 15, 1846, California was declared a territory of the United States.

The gold discovery at Sutter's Mill on January 24, 1848 brought immigrants from all parts of the globe as well as from the States and was responsible for the rapid increase in population of the area.

After several unsuccessful attempts at state making, a constitution was adopted on November 13, 1849. Nearly one year later, on September 9, 1850, California was admitted as the 31st state of the Union.

**PRECANCEL MEET**  
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the show was closed officially. At the banquet some excellent food was served, no long winded speeches, just enough entertainment to keep everybody happy.

The Post Office Department co-operated with a convention Post Office and Philatelic Agency branch, also a special cancellation for the occasion.

Charles R. Defenbaugh of Ancona, Illinois was elected as the new President of the Precancel Stamp Society; Wm. H. Wilson, Jr. of St. Paul, Minn. is the new Vice-President, while A. F. Gamber of DeLand, Florida was re-elected as Secretary.

The 1951 convention went to Pittsburgh, Pa. while the Texas boys already have a bid in for Dallas in 1952.

All in all, both the Precancel convention and Exhibition were outstanding, proving the growing interest in this branch of Stamp Collecting.

**Ford Employees' Fall Show Announced**

The big Fall Show of the Ford Employees' Stamp Club of Michigan will be held at Dearborn November 18 and 19. The exhibition will be open to all Ford employees, subject to rules to be announced later.

A top-notch panel of judges, headed by Mr. Hil F. Best, President of the Society of Philatelic Americans, will judge the show.

Mr. Ron Terrill and Mr. Bill Porteous have been appointed by George Kneuker to serve on the committee for the Ford Fall Show.

Eugene D. Schicker, Secretary-Treasurer of the Ford Club, has been appointed chairman of the Photographic Committee of the Society of Philatelic Americans. Mr. Schicker will be at the S. P. A. Convention in Philadelphia August 17 through 20, at which time the first work of the committee will be put into effect with photos of the 56th Annual Convention.

**UPU COMMEMORATIVES**  
(All issued in 1949, except as noted)

**Country Stamps in set 1st Day**  
Albania ..... 5, 8, 12 lek. 7/1/50  
Angola ..... 5, 15, 25Fr. Oct. 24  
Argentina ..... 4n. Oct. 18  
Australia ..... 35c Nov. 9  
Austria ..... 40, 60c, 18c. Oct. 8  
Bahawalpur ..... 9pi, 1, 1 1/2, 2 1/2a Oct. 10

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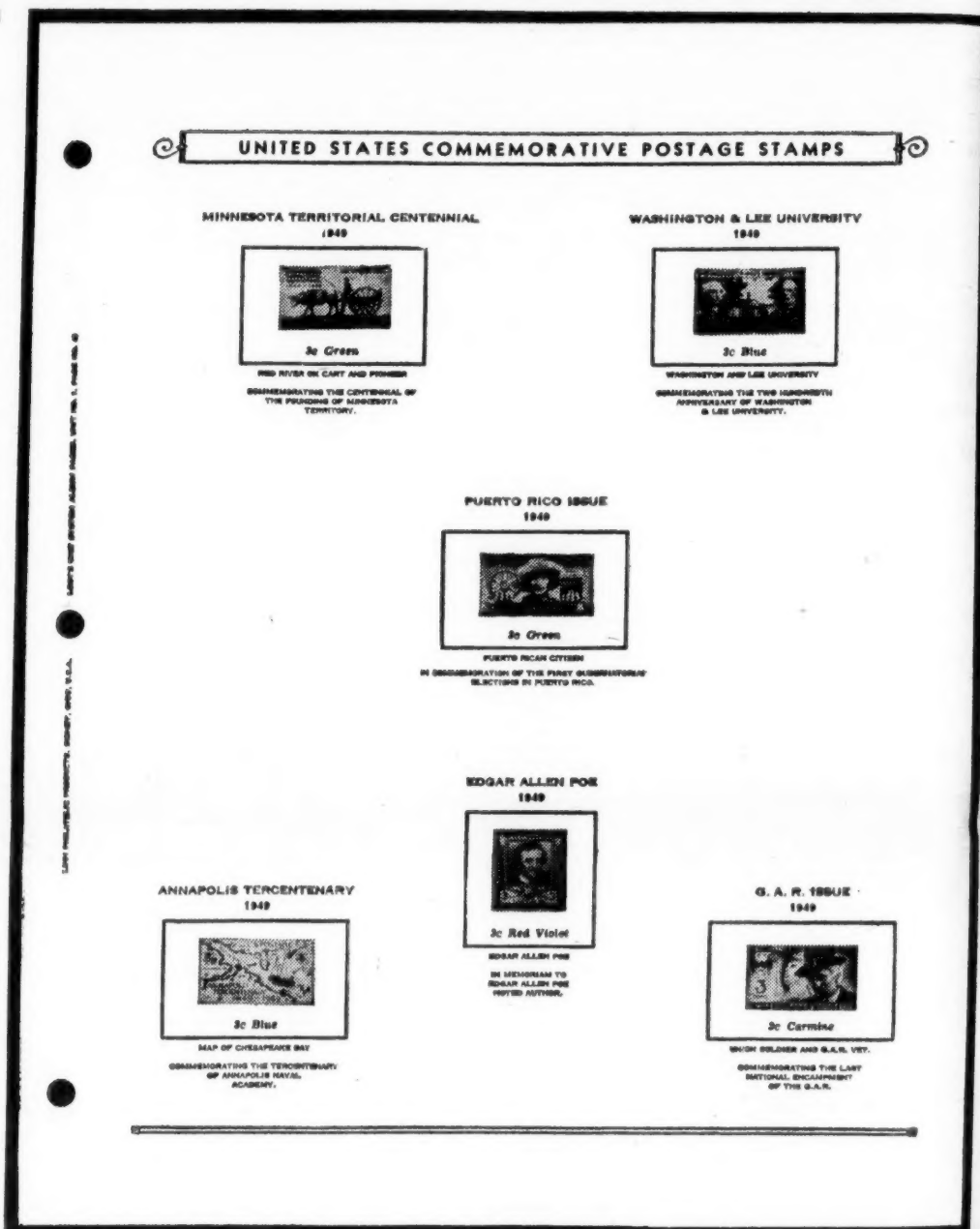
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| Bahawalpur, "SERVICE" ovpt. 9p. 1 1/2, 2 1/2a. Oct. 10   | Finland ..... (no stamp) Oct. 9 | Reno Chamber of Commerce         |
| Belgium ..... 4Fr. Oct. 1  | Iceland ..... 60 aur. Oct. 9    | Rooms and will be open to the    |
| Brazil ..... 1.50 Cr. Oct. 20  | Japan ..... 62 yen. Oct. 10     | general public.                  |
| Bolivia 1.40, 4.20 & 1.40, 2.50, 3.30B airm. 1 1/2, 2 1/2a. Oct. 10  | Norway ..... 40 ore. Oct. 8     | The group which is now just      |
| Bulgaria ..... 2, 3, 5, 12 1/2a, 1R. Oct. 9  | Sweden ..... (no stamp) Oct. 9  | about one year old has selected  |
| Burma ..... 2, 3, 5, 12 1/2a, 1R. Oct. 9   | Venezuela ..... 30c. Oct. 7     | a worthy project in the field of |
| Cameroon ..... 25Fr. July 4  |                                 | stamp collecting. They are work- |
| Cape Verde ..... 1500 Oct. 15  |                                 | ing with the youngsters at the   |
| Ceylon ..... 5c, 15c, 25c Oct. 10  |                                 | Nevada State Orphanage by sup-   |
| Chile ..... 60c, 2.50, 5, 10 P. 1/24 50  |                                 | plying them stamps and acces-    |
| China ..... \$1.00 Aug. 1  |                                 | sories.                          |
| Colombia 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 11, 18c (2 sent. ovpt.)  |                                 | Secretary of the club is Mrs.    |
| Congo (Belgian) ..... 4Fr. Nov. 21   |                                 | Lillian Greco, 1048 University   |
| Costa Rica ..... 15, 25c, 1 Col 1/11 50  |                                 | Terrace, Reno, Nevada.           |
| Cuba ..... 1, 2 and 5c 5/12 50   |                                 |                                  |
| Czechoslovakia 5, 5, 1R. May 20  |                                 |                                  |
| Denmark ..... 40 ore. Oct. 9   |                                 |                                  |
| Dominican Rep. 1, 2, 5, 7c. Sept. 15   |                                 |                                  |
| Ecuador 10, 20, 30c, 60c, 1, 25c Oct. 11   |                                 |                                  |
| Egypt ..... 10, 22 and 30m. Oct. 10  |                                 |                                  |
| Ethiopia ..... 5, 15, 25, 50c 1/4 50   |                                 |                                  |
| Finland ..... 15Mk. Oct. 9   |                                 |                                  |
| France ..... 5, 15, 25 Fr. Nov. 7  |                                 |                                  |
| Fr. Eq. Africa ..... 25Fr. July 4  |                                 |                                  |
| French India ..... 5, 15, 25 Fr. Oct. 11   |                                 |                                  |
| French Morocco ..... 10Fr. July 4  |                                 |                                  |
| French Oceania ..... 25Fr. July 4  |                                 |                                  |
| French W. Africa ..... 25Fr. July 4  |                                 |                                  |
| Germany 12, 16, 24, 50, 60p, 1, 2M Apr. 11   |                                 |                                  |
| Germany-Berlin ..... 50p. Oct. 9   |                                 |                                  |
| Germany: French Occupation Zone  |                                 |                                  |
| Baden ..... 20, 30p. Oct. 10   |                                 |                                  |
| Bavaria ..... 20, 30p. Oct. 10   |                                 |                                  |
| Wurttemberg ..... 20, 30p. Oct. 10   |                                 |                                  |
| Germany Republic ..... 30p. Oct. 10  |                                 |                                  |
| Great Britain 2 1/2, 5, 6d and 1/- Oct. 10   |                                 |                                  |
| Greece ..... 1000 Dr. 5/21 50  |                                 |                                  |
| Guatemala ..... 30c. Oct. 7  |                                 |                                  |
| Haiti 3, 5, 10, 20c & 30c, 1, 1.50B airm. 1  |                                 |                                  |
| Hungary 60f, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50f. Oct. 10   |                                 |                                  |
| Iceland ..... 25, 35, 60aur. 2K. Oct. 10   |                                 |                                  |
| India ..... 50, 75c, 4P. Oct. 10   |                                 |                                  |
| Indo-China ..... 9p, 2, 3 1/2, 12 annas Oct. 10  |                                 |                                  |
| Indonesia 15, 25c. Oct. 1  |                                 |                                  |
| Indonesian Rep. 10, 20, 50c, 1R & perf. 50c. 1/10, 2/10, 3/10, 4/10, 5/10, 6/10, 7/10, 8/10, 9/10, 10/10, 11/10, 12/10, 13/10, 14/10, 15/10, 16/10, 17/10, 18/10, 19/10, 20/10, 21/10, 22/10, 23/10, 24/10, 25/10, 26/10, 27/10, 28/10, 29/10, 30/10, 31/10, 32/10, 33/10, 34/10, 35/10, 36/10, 37/10, 38/10, 39/10, 40/10, 41/10, 42/10, 43/10, 44/10, 45/10, 46/10, 47/10, 48/10, 49/10, 50/10, 51/10, 52/10, 53/10, 54/10, 55/10, 56/10, 57/10, 58/10, 59/10, 60/10, 61/10, 62/10, 63/10, 64/10, 65/10, 66/10, 67/10, 68/10, 69/10, 70/10, 71/10, 72/10, 73/10, 74/10, 75/10, 76/10, 77/10, 78/10, 79/10, 80/10, 81/10, 82/10, 83/10, 84/10, 85/10, 86/10, 87/10, 88/10, 89/10, 90/10, 91/10, 92/10, 93/10, 94/10, 95/10, 96/10, 97/10, 98/10, 99/10, 100/10, 101/10, 102/10, 103/10, 104/10, 105/10, 106/10, 107/10, 108/10, 109/10, 110/10, 111/10, 112/10, 113/10, 114/10, 115/10, 116/10, 117/10, 118/10, 119/10, 120/10, 121/10, 122/10, 123/10, 124/10, 125/10, 126/10, 127/10, 128/10, 129/10, 130/10, 131/10, 132/10, 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